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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA: ENERGY PORTFOLIO OFFICERS AND STAFF

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11. Embassy San Jos???? reports the following two officers
who carry energy portfolios:

Tim Lattimer, Regional Environmental Officer

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Mark Kissel, Economic Unit Chief

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Mr. Lattimer focuses on the environmental impacts of energy planning and production, regional clean energy development, and the nexus between climate change and energy, while Mr. Kissel focuses on the economic impacts. Mr. Lattimer is the lead contact person for the Embassy's relationship with the Costa Rican Ministry of Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications. The two officers work collaboratively together on the portfolio.

12. In addition, two Locally Engaged Staff members also back-stop Messrs. Lattimer and Kissel:

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Kevin Ludeke, Economic Specialist

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Ms. Mu????oz supports Mr. Latimer while Mr. Ludeke supports Mr. Kissel.

13. Embassy San Jose anticipates that a new foreign service officer

will join the Pol/Econ section in April or May. The new officer will work in the Econ unit and will succeed Mr. Kissel with the energy portfolio. When the new officer arrives at Post, we will inform Washington of the change.

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